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DURING DISCUSSION OF POINTS RAISED REFTEL BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER, CHARGE AND POL/COUNS, SILVEIRA STATED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS USUAL FRIDAY MEETING AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET WORD BACK TO EMBASSY ON THAT SAME DAY. IN THE INTERIM, FOLLOWING ARE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRELIMINARY AND PERSONAL VIEWS:

A. SILVEIRA ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER A FORMULA BY WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONVOKED AS A RIO TREATY MFM WOULD VOTE TO AMEND THE 1964 CUBAN SANCTIONS RESOLUTION WOULD BE LEGALLY FEASIBLE. HE ANSWERED HIS OWN QUESTION BY STATING "I DON'T KNOW". HE CONSIDERED IT A JERRY-BUILT MEANS OF AVOIDING THE RATIFICATION PROCESS IMPLICIT IN AN AMENDMENT OF THE RIO TREATY. SILVEIRA STATED THAT ARGENTINA AND SOME OF THE OTHER LATIN AMERICANS THINK THEY ARE BEING TERRIBLY CLEVER AND THEY ARE NOT. IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT THE B.A. MEETING WAS DEVELOPING INTO A "MESS" FOR THE ARGENTINES. HE ALSO WONDERED OUT LOUD WHETHER THE APPLICATION OF SUCH A FORMULA WOULD NOT "LOOSEN UP THE SYSTEM TOO MUCH".

B. WITH REGARD TO CUBA, SILVEIRA STATED THAT BRAZIL

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WAS NOT GOING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND
THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN DOING THEM ANY FAVORS.
HE STATED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT BRAZIL WOULD PROBABLY
NOT REFUSE TO ATTEND THE B.A. MEETING IF ALL THE OTHER
COUNTRIES WERE INTENT ON GOING. IN THE ULTIMATE
ANALYSIS HE SAID THIS DEPENDED ON THE VIEWS OF THE
PRESIDENT.

C. SILVEIRA STATED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT
THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO SOLVE THE CUBAN PROBLEM WITHOUT
CHANGING ITS POSITION WITH REGARD TO CUBA. IT WAS HIS
BELIEF THAT THE U.S. WAS PAYING TOO HIGH A PRICE TO
ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE AND THAT THE L.A.'S WERE PLAYING
GAMES WITH THE U.S. IN ADDITION, IN HIS VIEW,THE
LATIN AMERICANS' REACTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE TRA
WERE CHANGING THE NATURE OF THE B.A. MEETING. HE
SAID THAT WITH THE STATED REFUSALS OF ECUADOR AND
VENEZUELA TO ATTEND - NOT TO MENTION CHILE'S POSITION
HE WAS NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE CHANCES OF THE
MEETING BEING HELD.

D. SILVEIRA STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A PERSONAL
MESSAGE FROM ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES
THROUGH THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR IN B.A. TO THE
EFFECT THAT IF ROA HAD MADE HIS LIMA REMARKS AT
B.A. INSTEAD, VIGNES WOULD HAVE DEFENESTRATED HIM.
THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR HAD TENTATIVELY INTERPRETED
VIGNES' REMARK TO MEAN THAT THE ARGENTINE POSITION
WITH REGARD TO CUBA WAS STIFFENING. THE BRAZILIANS
HAD ALSO RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT VIGNES WAS
UNDER FIRE DOMESTICALLY FOR "HAVING GONE TOO FAR ON CUBA".
SILVEIRA CONCLUDED THAT IN VIEW OF OUR INFORMATION ON THE
GOA INITIATIVE TO INVITE CUBA FOR THE LAST DAY AT
B.A., THESE VIEWS WOULD HAVE TO BE REASSESSED.
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